

ALD. MERRIAM AND EX-MAYOR HARRISON BOOST FOR HOYNE

A Hoyne nonpartisan mass meeting is being arranged for Friday or Saturday, at which it is expected that Carter H. Harrison, five-time mayor of Chicago, will speak from the same platform with Ald. Charles E. Merriam, who lost the mayoralty of Chicago in 1911 by only 3,000 votes. Merriam issued a statement today saying the best way to keep the state's attorney's office out of the hands of the City Hall Thompson-Lundin organization is for independent voters to mark their ballots for Maclay Hoyne. The statement follows:

BY ALD. CHARLES E. MERRIAM

Decent citizens of Cook county are in danger of losing their votes by dividing their support between Hoyne and Cunnea. Only by uniting upon one candidate can they prevent the City Hall gang from obtaining an immunity bath good until 1920. I believe Mr. Hoyne can come nearer bringing these voters together than can Mr. Cunnea.

The office of state's attorney is created as a safeguard against graft and corruption in public office. In the absence of the recall, it is the public's only means of snatching rogues from office. I know the people of Chicago would not wittingly turn over the state's attorney's office to the City Hall under present conditions. Mr. Miller is inexperienced and weak. His brief political record indicates he is the pliant tool of Lundin. Who is simple enough to believe that the City Hall would prosecute itself? Miller's election would be a public calamity.

The strength of professional criminals in Chicago is largely due to the fact that we change public prosecutors frequently. The crooks are generally better organized for their defense than the public for the attack. The crime trust retains its attorneys from year to year while the public changes its prosecutors every four

years. No sooner is the public's staff organized and experienced than it is disbanded and a new and green set of men is put in to learn the job all over again. In the meantime, professional criminals are making hay. In a great city like Chicago, where crime is organized on a business basis, it is absolutely essential that experienced men be kept at the work of investigation and prosecution. Nobody is helped by turning out an experienced state's attorney except the hold-up men, the pickpocket, the swindler and others who make crime a trade. Mr. Hoyne has shown his ability to deal with organized crime and has struck severe blows at the arson trust, the clairvoyant trust, the burglar trust and other nests of organized outlaws. To discharge him now, disband his staff and throw away the experience and ability they have acquired would be unwise.

There are errors of omission and commission in Mr. Hoyne's record, which I have no desire to gloss over or conceal, and which have caused many voters to hesitate. Nevertheless, the fact remains that he has been a successful prosecutor of professional crime, that he is now attacking a highly-organized system of political corruption, and that his principal opponent is the political ally of the very interests with which Mr. Hoyne is grappling. In his position of prosecutor he has acquired important results. He pledges himself to carry on the battle against professional crime and against all forms of graft, and on this basis is entitled to the support of all citizens without regard to national party affiliations.

—O—O—O— ADMITS GIRL'S MURDER

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Nov. 2.—Under merciless sweating, Thomas S. Williams, county official, today confessed that he strangled to death Ida May Brown, whose body was found two weeks ago in the Susquehanna river.